

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

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LGYH TRANSPORT BOARD

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The Regional Transport Advisory Board (RTAB) met for the first time on 16th June.

Terms of Reference

Key points for LGNYY to be aware of:

- RTAB will take a strategic overview and establish a 'single voice for transport'
- need for a strong and effective two way relationship between the region and functional sub-regions
- pressing for more effective prioritisation and programme management at sub-regional level

Supporting structures

The Board will be supported by an Executive Group of senior officers and there will be a twice yearly transport conference for officers, Members and other key stakeholders.

Economic situation and transport

The Board discussed how the economic situation may potentially affect regional transport issues including; the impact on travel patterns; impact on the Board's ability to deliver schemes; the potential for transport to provide an economic stimulus; and the need to deliver schemes that maximise productivity growth.

Delivering a Sustainable Transport System (DaSTS)

The region has produced a study programme under DaSTS, the latest stage of the Government's approach to longer term strategic transport planning. The Leeds-York-Scarborough A64 Corridor Study was included in the original programme, but has since been discounted by DfT. NYCC have submitted an evidence document to justify the regional importance of the A64 Corridor and to press for the reinstatement of the DaSTS funding contribution towards the study. This is an important issue as the DaSTS work programme will influence future Regional Funding Allocation.

Future work programme

- a) overseeing the regional implementation of DaSTS
- b) overseeing the Regional Funding Advice including monitoring schemes and expenditure
- c) overseeing transport input to the Integrated Regional Strategy
- d) developing a regional perspective on an East Coast high speed rail line (particularly given Network Rail's recent proposal for a high speed West Coast line linking Scotland and London and rejection of an East Coast route)
- e) considering the response to the recession from a transport perspective

Papers

Copies of the papers and minutes for the RTAB can be found on the Yorkshire Forward web site at:

www.yorkshire-forward.com/about/structure/the-board/regional-transport-advisory-board